

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 13, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

A first pump (1) of small capacity and a second pump (2) of large capacity are connected directly with each other and are driven by a variable-speed motor. The (3) the rotational speed of ~~which~~ the variable-speed motor is controlled by a control device (4). In a first mode, a first discharge line (5) of the first pump and a second discharge line (8) of the second pump are disconnected with each other, making the first pump (1) unloaded. With the first pump in the unloaded ~~, in which~~ state, a constant-horsepower operation is performed, where the discharge fluid is brought into a high pressure by relatively small torque. In a second mode, the first discharge line (5) and the second discharge line (8) are connected with each other by a switching valve. With the first and second discharge lines in the connected ~~(6), in which~~ state, a constant-horsepower operation is performed, where a high flow rate of discharge fluid is discharged at relatively low rotational speed.